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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Mitsuru NAKAJIMA, et al.

Serial No. 09/988,251

Group Art Unit: 2161

Confirmation No. 8391

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Examiner: Brian D. Goddard

For:

INFORMATION SEARCH SYSTEM, METHOD AND PROGRAM FOR USER SPECIFICATION OF RESULT RANKING CALCULATION (As Amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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